Carnival Jingle 52 has come to town!

Friday night saw the introduction of the official Carnival jingle for 2006, the 15th Anniversary of this Carnival tradition. In keeping with the spirit of Carnival, it was accompanied by much singing, dancing and merry-making in the parking lot of the RBTT Bank on the mainstreet of Oranjestad.

Unveiling the CD "T'e Cos!" were the two Padrinas, Edna Farro, President of the RBTT Bank in Aruba, and Tecla Kelly, the President of Stichting Arubaanse Carnival, (SAC) the governing organization of Aruba's Carnival. This lively song was written by Ruben Garcia and arranged my internationally renowned Aruban musician Hildward Croes.

Throngs of island residents were there as the two padrinas pulled the cord on a giant piñata, releasing a score of CD's and candies and toys for the children, which is usually what one would expect to have fall out of a piñata. The evening finished with a great deal of carnival dancing lead by the popular music group Touché, and Aruba's one and only The Brass Band, performing classic carnival pieces. RBTT Bank has been sponsoring the Carnival jingle for a number of years now, and Robert Mons of RBTT promises they will do it again next year, very likely at their branch in San Nicolas. It was a joyous evening of music and festivities and many joined in as the spirit of Carnival 52 grows towards the countdown to the big day of the final parade.